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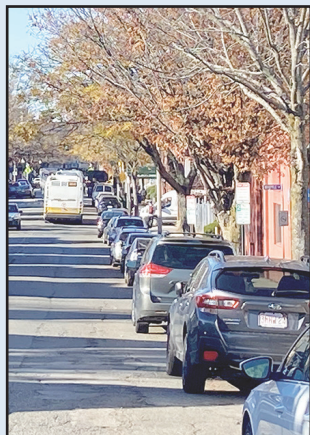
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GLX service in Somerville to begin in Union Square



The long-awaited debut of the Green Line Extension's service to Somerville is right around the corner. — Photo courtesy of MBTA GLX

By Jim Clark

After many years of planning, controversy, and delayed construction, the new Green Line Extension (GLX) service will begin operating in the City of Somerville starting on March 21.

Last Thursday, MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak made the official announcement setting the date for GLX service to Union Square to get underway.

Other stations along the two main branches are expected to come online later this year, hopefully by summer if not sooner.

A grand opening ceremony is planned for the March 21 date at the Union Square station.

The purpose of the GLX construction project is to extend the light rail Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Green Line northwest into Somerville and Medford. The project is expected to fully

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'KSx20: Persistence of Light' at Nave Gallery

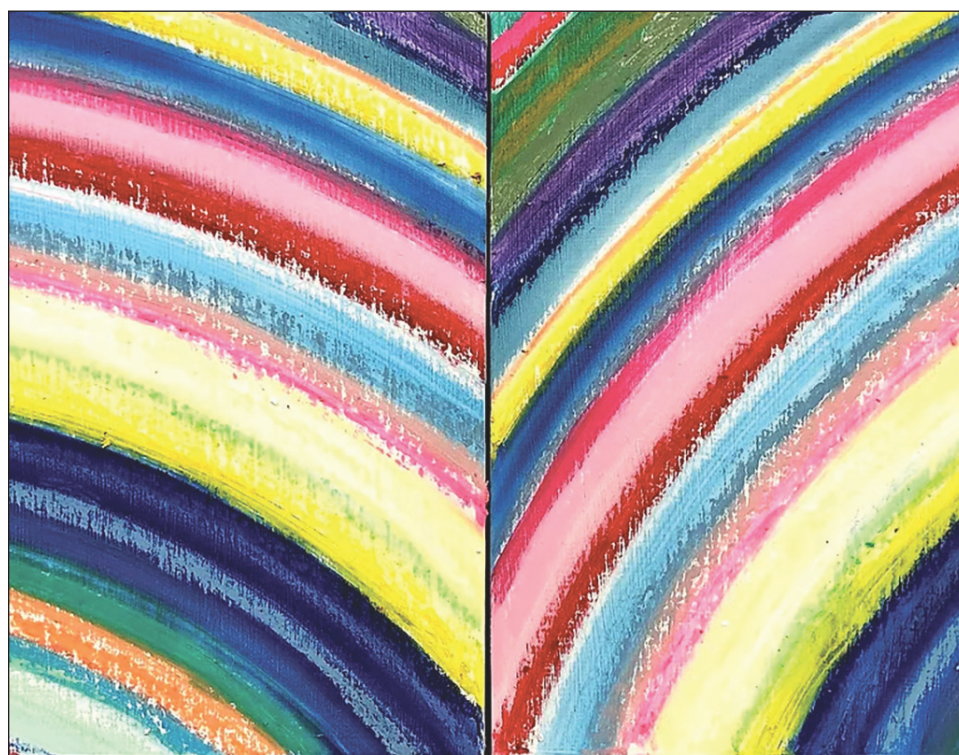
For twenty years Karl Stephan worked in relative obscurity. But when Nave director Susan Berstler saw Karl's pandemic work – and heard the story – she offered him a full-gallery retrospective.

Despite every dark event from 9/11 to Katrina, Trump to Covid and now Ukraine, Karl persists in seeking and sharing joy in art-making. From "suburban surrealism" to the new expansive "color music" his work celebrates the persistence of light.

Stephan paints and teaches in his Cambridge studio, at the Museum of Fine Arts, and in various other settings. He curated the well-regarded Wall to Wall mini-series of exhibits at Nave in 2016-17. Kylie Terra Burnham is a Masters Candidate in Museum Education at Tufts University, multi-media artist, performer, choreographer and a founding member of the Queer Theater Project.

With KSx20 the non-profit Nave Gallery emerges from the pandemic

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Bounce oil, oilstick and sgraffito on panel, 2022, part of the KSx20: Persistence of Light exhibition marking twenty years of work by artist educator Karl Stephan, at Nave Gallery, March 19 – May 1.

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In response to updated CDC and Massachusetts Department of Public Health guidance on indoor masking, the Somerville Board of Health will hold a special meeting to discuss the local indoor mask mandate. The meeting will take place virtually on Thursday, March 3, beginning at 6:00 p.m. For information on how to join the meeting, please visit somervillema.gov/BOHMarch3

A walk-in COVID-19 vaccine clinic for initial doses and boosters will be held March 4 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Argenziano School, 290 Washington St. The Pfizer vaccine will be available for all people five years and up, and boosters will be available for all people 12 years and up. Walk-ins are accepted. The clinic is free, regardless of immigration status or health insurance. Identification is not required. Can't make this clinic, but need a vaccine? COVID-19 vaccines are also available at the walk-in CHA Somerville Vaccine Center at 176 Somerville Ave. Please visit somervillema.gov/vaccine for more information. If you need assistance in your language, please call 311 (617-666-3311).

Happy birthday this week to the following: A very big happy birthday to our own great guy and great Editor, Jim Clark. We wish him a very special day, and we hope he has a great year ahead! Happy birthday to C21 North East real estate agent and long-time resident John Pratti. We hope John has a great birthday. Happy birthday to another nice guy, Eddie Nuzzo. We hope he has a great one. Happy birthday to Nick Kondilis, a long-time real estate agent. We hope he has a great birthday. And to Donald Coutoumas, of the Somerville Coutoumas family, we hope he has a great birthday. We wish Mike Browne a very happy birthday. Mike is a great guy we wish him the best. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as Bill Roy, Laureen Chirichiello, Sarah Colestock Berson, Matt Smith, Barbara Neachtain, Susan Mangherini Griffin, Scott Naugler, David Rudolph Betsy Bragg and Bob Schofield a

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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of March 2 – March 8 as provided by the National Weather Service

| DAY | CONDITIONS | HIGH/LOW | PRECIPITATION | HUMIDITY | WIND |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|------------|
| Wednesday March 2 | Partly Cloudy | 40°/30° | 7% | 5% | WNW 12 mph |
| Thursday March 3 | Partly Cloudy | 34°/8° | 8% | 5% | NW 16 mph |
| Friday March 4 | Sunny | 32°/13° | 1% | 1% | W 9 mph |
| Saturday March 5 | Partly Cloudy | 39°/29° | 4% | 2% | W 9 mph |
| Sunday March 6 | Rain | 52°/45° | 72% | 55% | SSW 12 mph |
| Monday March 7 | Rain | 61°/36° | 35% | 19% | WSW 14 mph |
| Tuesday March 8 | Partly Cloudy | 47°/30° | 20% | 13% | WNW 12 mph |

NOTE: Conditions subject to change. Always check a daily forecast prior to activities that can be affected by the weather.

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Obituary: John Ragno

Nicky Stiles says:

There are not enough words to express my deepest condolences to the family. I have known John and his family for 40 plus years and he and his family were great friends and Hugh asset to the neighborhood and the city. His Christmas decoration on three houses were extraordinary. I think the electric company had to add an extra fuel rod to light up Otis st. See u on the other side my friend.

Maureen Bastardi says:

My sincere condolences to the family. I have many fond memories of Uncle. Sitting in the garage eating hot stuffed peppers is one. So sorry to the entire family.

bill roche says:

My sincerest condolences to Louise and the rest of the Ragno family. John was a great guy, friendly to everyone. John was a pillar in the community. He was always concerned about the quality of life issues in his neighborhood. Anytime there was a city meeting regarding issue's in his neighborhood John would attend and offer his opinion. John will certainly be missed by all. RIP.

Richele Barge says:

My brothers and I have fond memories of summers spent at the lake with the Ragno family. We thought it was a regular thing that people cooked eggs and bacon at the beach. John would happily cook breakfast for all of us!

Truly he was a man who touched the lives of so many. Praying that you are surrounded by God's comfort and strength during this difficult time.

Joe & Dot Pirone says:

Our deepest sympathy to Louise and family. We have know John for 58 years and have many great memories. John was a great person and a really good friend. He was always just a phone call away. Not only did he work in the restaurant filter business but knew which ones were good and we would go with them. He was a great family man!! RIP John!

Leanne Wilkins (McGuire-Schilz) says:

I was proud to call you my second dad. Your warmth and love could be seen in your family. You and your family helped shape my personality and independence. I have many wonderful memories of being with everyone. And whether it was good memories or being grounded for being bad, I thank you. Sending love and support to everyone.

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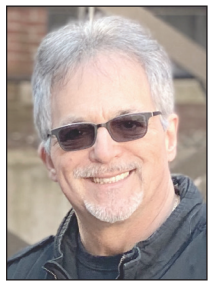
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Life in the **VILLE** by Jimmy Del Ponte

The view from the park



As I was walking through Powder House Park with my friend the other day, I sat down at a bench directly across from the block of stores where Dunkin' Donuts is. I went from left to right and told my buddy about the stores that were there as far as I could recall.

From what I can recall there was Loud's delicious homemade candy shop, Bella Meo's Sub shop, and Goodell Drug Store. On the right in the park was the old building which housed the draft board office. It's where I signed up for the draft around 1970.

The park used to be a popular hang-out. Kids were regularly chased out by

the cops. We referred to the area around the Powder House itself as "up top" and the part near College Ave. was known as "down bottom."

Both sites had a lot of kids hanging around. There was a lot of boozing going on up top. At one time they cut down all the shrubbery up top which decreased hiding places. For many years there was a tree with my sister and her old boyfriend's initials carved in it. I looked for it but it just faded away.

Today, up top, people let their dogs off leash. It's kind of scary when an unfamiliar dog runs up to you. I guess they just don't wanna make the trek to one of the dog parks in the city. I'll tell you one thing, there used to be a huge police presence in the park but you hardly see them now. I thought letting your dogs off the

lease was a violation of a city ordinance, but I guess some people just don't care.

It's great having Powder House Park so close to my house with all its memories and beautiful trees and, of course, the rocks which we all climbed.

It was also a popular spot for summer activities like arts and crafts. I did a whole article about gimp, which we made keychains and necklaces out of. When I go to the park I'm flooded with memories.

Wednesday, I took a walk at the park with my friend Al and I pointed out all the houses on the way where my friends used to live. We also passed the old Masonic Lodge where I was made a Mason. It's now some kind of Russian art gallery or something. We also passed those new islands that they put on College Ave. I was surprised that the snowplow didn't take out those curbed things.

A lot of the park was taped off because they're taking down a bunch of trees. I don't know why so many trees died but there's about five that we saw that were marked for removal.

You know you're getting old when you point out things that used to be at a certain spot which are now just a memory.

My pal Tony's grandfather is memorialized by a tree planted in his memory with a plaque. I took a photo of the tree but the snow covered the plaque. The family home is two houses away from



the park he loved.

I love Powder House Park for its beauty and its history. It's well kept by the city and is enjoyed by everyone. Kids are sledding there as we speak!

To this day, when I smell onions I think of the great subs from Bella Meo's Sub shop.



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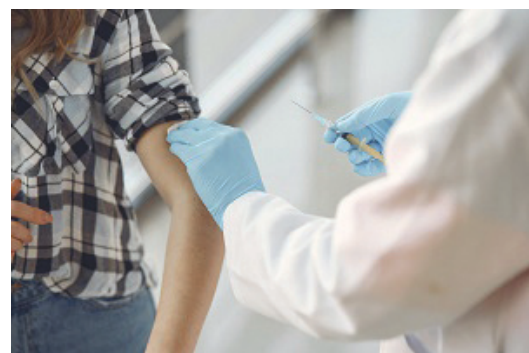
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Walk-in COVID-19 vaccine clinic (Pfizer) March 4 at Argenziano School

A walk-in COVID-19 vaccine clinic for initial doses and boosters will be held March 4 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Argenziano School at 290 Washington St. The Pfizer vaccine will be available for all people 5 years and up, and boosters will be available for all people



12 years and up. Walk-ins are accepted. The clinic is free, regardless of immigration status or health insurance. Identification is not required.

You are eligible for a booster if:

- You received your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at least 5 months ago
- You received the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine at least 2 months ago
- If you are 18 years and older you can receive a booster dose of any of the COVID-19 vaccines, regardless of which type of COVID-19 vaccine you previously received.
- If you are 12-17 years old, you can get a booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine only.

Can't make this clinic, but need a vaccine? COVID-19 vaccines are also available at the walk-in CHA Somerville Vaccine Center at 176 Somerville Ave. Please visit somervillema.gov/vaccine for more information.

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Somerville pilots new rodent-control technology

As part of Mayor Katjana Ballantyne's 100-Day Agenda and the city's ongoing commitment to mitigating rodent activity, the City of Somerville is launching a five-month pilot program to bring the latest rodent-control technology to Somerville this week.

The city and its partner, Modern Pest Services, will install and maintain 50 SMART Boxes in four neighborhoods through at least July 2022. SMART Boxes are non-toxic, industrial-grade traps that catch rodents above ground and provide real-time data for proactive pest control. Somerville is the second municipality in the country to pilot this technology, after Portland, Maine.

When a rodent enters a SMART Box, sensors detect movement and body heat and activate a "catch" function, immediately killing the rodent with an electrical current. The rodent is deposited into a closed container, then the trap automatically resets. SMART Boxes monitor and record rodent activity 24/7

and alert Modern Pest when activity is detected. SMART Boxes do not use poisons and are securely locked, so they don't pose risks to people, other animals, or the environment.

The city is deploying SMART Boxes to four locations for the pilot program: Davis Square, the Gilman Street area, the Lexington Street area, and the Macarthur Street area. These locations were identified using 311 Constituent Services data on rodent reports and Inspectional Services ticketing information. They also represent different types of settings with variables that can affect rodent activity – including a business district, a residential district, open space, and proximity to construction and transit – which will provide valuable insights to inform future mitigation.

"Rodent activity is a critical quality-of-life issue here in Somerville, so I'm very pleased to bring this new technology to our neighborhoods and to get this pilot underway," said May-



SMART is an intelligent pest control system that keeps an eye on things you don't want to see, predicting and preventing costly infestations in an environmentally-friendly way.

or Ballantyne. "We need to be committed and forward-thinking in our approach, which makes the SMART system so compelling. It will not only catch rodents – it will expand our ability to collect data, to quantify the issue, and to iden-

tify additional steps we can take to make the greatest impact citywide."

The SMART Box pilot is the latest strategy in the city's Integrated Pest Management Plan. The new technology will complement other ongoing

abatement efforts, including residential visits, information distribution, and free baiting through the Residential Rodent Control Assistance Program. To learn more about rodent control in Somerville, go to somervillema.gov/rodentcontrol.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Regarding your article in the February 23rd edition it is good to know that the city is at last addressing the rat problem. I live in Day St close by Davis Square and have been catching rats almost daily now for over a year. A week ago we were pre-

sented with an estimate from the Subaru dealer for repairs to our new car with only 4,700 miles on it for over \$5,000 to remedy rat damage to the wiring and hoses. Rats are more than a nuisance, they carry disease and we fix this problem.

Putting food waste in secure trash barrels deprives them of a food source and perhaps we need more so that visitors to Davis have somewhere to leave their pizza crusts and other foods that litter the streets. It is good news that the pilot run

of SMART will include Davis. Rats are smart, they learn quickly so it is hoped we can outsmart them with technology.

Alan Bingham
Somerville

Virtual Workshop Series: Somerville Bicycle Network Planning

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City of Somerville Mobility Division invite you to participate in a virtual workshop to help inform Somerville's citywide bicycle network plan.

The city is developing its first bicycle network plan to establish a comprehensive network of streets where people of all abilities will feel comfortable and safe riding their bikes throughout Somerville. At these small-group workshops, attendees will take part in an interactive mapping exercise to draw potential routes and brainstorm ways to build a connective network across the entire city.

To participate in a workshop, please register in advance at somervillema.gov/bikenetwork. Spaces are limited. Please register for only one workshop. Current sessions include:

- Wednesday, March 2, 4-5:30 p.m. (For residents age 24 or younger)
- Thursday, March 10, 6-7:30 p.m. (Held in Spanish)
- Saturday, March 19, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (For parents)

Additional dates will be added to the website in the future, including dedicated sessions for parents and for residents age 65 or older.

If you have questions, or if you'd like to participate but a workshop is full, please contact Kate White, Community Outreach Coordinator, at kwhite@somervillema.gov.



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Civil unrest over Somerville parking issues

By Kyle Dante

In a follow-up to its November agenda, a public hearing took place on February 24 with the Somerville Traffic Board.

Somerville is felt by many to have inadequate parking. For example, during the construction of the renovated Somerville High School (SHS), teachers had no available staff parking. In addition, the pilot proposal left hundreds affected by parking limitations. These factors resulted in a public petition being brought to the City Council in November of 2021.

Two studies were conducted concerning the changes to SHS and Central Hill parking. Brad Rawson, Director of Mobility in Strategic Planning, pointed out that the studies show a high demand for campus-related parking. As a result, since spring of 2017 the Traffic Board took steps to accommodate people affected by reduced parking on residential streets.

Previous efforts have led to some positive results. There was a 30% increase in utilizing the MBTA, notably on Route 90, increasing transit use. Subsequently, the city funded free transit passes for SHS students, with all 1,400 students receiving free M-7 Charlie Cards. The cards allow for unlimited public transportation, including trains, buses, and bikes, throughout the school year.

At the same time, several ongoing issues persisted. In April 2019, Somerville attempted to



Inadequate parking is an ongoing issue for those who need spaces at Somerville High School and along Highland Ave., according to many concerned Somerville citizens.

lease off-street parking in the neighborhood for city workers and teachers. There was no success in soliciting proposals from private property owners. The construction project placed a satellite parking pilot between Winter Hill and East Somerville. The satellite site, located at Foss Park and Cobble Hill, showed little success. The same situation was experienced with “zonal parking” for City Hall workers, increasing demand for even more parking spaces.

There are several upcoming opportunities for improvement, including 13 approved approximate on-street spaces at Medford St. and about 20 approved for School St. during bridge construction. The MBTA Green Line Extension is slated to provide new transit service this year. Additionally, it will take steps to provide a subsidized transit pass program. Lastly, the Community Path been extended for student

travel, the City Hall workforce, and visitors.

However, the construction and rulings remain controversial, specifically with the Central Hill Campus parking zone. Permits for City Hall and teachers go from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., with all others after 9:00 a.m. It will not increase capacity but ensure predictability in lessening heavily used streets.

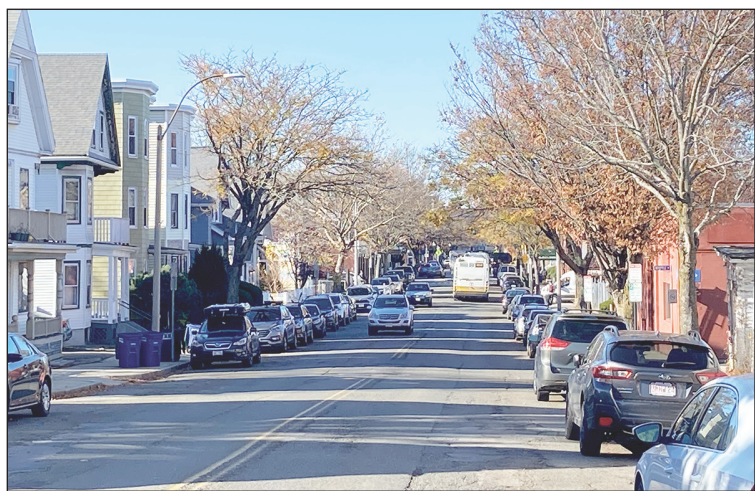
During the meeting, approximately 20 residents spoke during the public hearing. Most were from Highland Ave. and were frustrated.

“It’s a disservice to the educators and residents,” said Denise of Highland Ave.

“We did not opt to lose our parking,” said one SHS educator.

Highland Ave. has limited parking and does not fully accommodate local citizens. It blocks off seniors in need of access to deliveries. Resident owners potentially face fines for something they have no control over. Teachers need their parking too and are relegated to a small lot.

It is not an ideal situation and needs adjustment, with the public’s input considered. Somerville High School has a large field that can be converted into a temporary parking area. Several residents feel it is a worthwhile solution for everyone. The Traffic Board will have a follow-up meeting to continue this discussion in the spring.



GLX service in Somerville to begin in Union Square

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open in 2022 at a total cost of \$2.28 billion. Total ridership on the 4.3-mile (6.9 km) extension is estimated to reach 45,000 one-way trips per day in 2030.

In 2015, with projected costs increased to \$3.3 billion, the project was placed on hold. A revised plan, with more modest stations and other value engineering, was submitted in 2016 and approved in 2017.

The main \$1.08 billion design-build contract was

issued in November 2017, with several optional items like platform canopies and a larger vehicle maintenance facility included. Construction began in 2018, with the old Lechmere station closed in May 2020.

The cities of Somerville and Cambridge are expected to be reimbursed for the combined \$75 million they contributed to the project when budgetary issues threatened to derail its completion.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #249

Our Town

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Happy birthday Somerville ... you’re 180 years old!

Our town helps to fill an historic and significant void in the history of our nation. She is 180 years old this week and her roots as part of Charlestown go back to July 4, 1629, the day Charlestown was founded. With the legislature and governor’s approval, she separated from her maternal town on March 3, 1842. She was the tenth and last town to do so. Woburn was the first two centuries before in 1642.



While one hundred guns were fired among cheers from Prospect Hill, the new town’s citizens reveled in their newfound freedom. In celebration, a grand ball was given with over 300 people in attendance who enjoyed a dinner and dancing at the Porter Hotel in Cambridge. This was Somerville’s birthday, and its population of 1,013 original townsmen enjoyed it. In the 1930’s her population was 110,000, or 100 times that of her original count. In 2020, it was over 80,000.

Somerville was named after an American hero, Captain Richard Somers, killed during the Tripolitan War. He is honored on the grounds of the United States Naval Academy in Maryland.



Often called the City of Seven Hills, Somerville’s most historic elevation has been Prospect Hill, meaning wide view. What an epoch-making view it has had through the years! Some of the most stirring events of the Revolution occurred on it or directly within its site.

- Paul Revere was almost captured near her base by the British Cavalry.



- The Battle of Lexington and Concord ended along her base.
- Bunker Hill’s heroes regrouped here to fight again
- Her colonial troops and cannons helped end the Siege of Boston.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. As is customary during the February school vacation week, the Legislature met in only brief informal sessions and there were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

BILLS APPROVED BY SENATE AND STUCK IN THE HOUSE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS – Several bills have received unanimous or near-unanimous approval in the Senate as far back as September 2021 and are still stuck in the House Ways and Means Committee which has not acted on them and has not sent them to the full House for debate and a vote.

Beacon Hill Roll Call asked House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy) and House Ways and Means chair Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston) for a comment on the four Senate-approved bills being stuck in the House and Means Committee.

“They’re under review,” was the brief 5-word response from Ana Vivas, Mariano’s spokesperson. Mariano’s office also cited five bills that have been approved by the House and are currently stuck in the Senate Ways Means Committee.

Despite repeated requests from Beacon Hill Roll Call, no one in House Ways and Means Chair Aaron Michlewitz’s office responded to our request for a comment.

Here are the four bills and how local senators voted on them:

CHANGE GENDER ON BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND MORE (S 2533)

On September 23, the Senate 39-0, approved a bill that would allow people to change their gender on their birth certificate, driver’s license, learner’s permit, identification card or liquor purchase identification card, including to a non-binary option other than male or female. The possible designations include “female,” “male” or “X” which would indicate that the person is another gender or an undesignated gender. The gender can only be changed by an adult, an emancipated minor or the parent or guardian of a minor.

No documentation is required but the person changing the gender must submit an affidavit executed under the penalty of perjury attesting that the request is to conform to the person’s gender identity and is not made for any fraudulent purpose. The bill also directs the state to develop a plan for allowing a non-binary option on all state forms and instances where a gender choice is required.

“People know what gender they are,” said sponsor Sen. Jo Comerford (D-Northampton) at the time the measure was approved. “This bill simply allows for gender identification and IDs as diverse as our people. The Legislature must ensure that all of our constituents have access to IDs with nonbinary gender markers as beautifully diverse as they are.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

BENEFITS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES (S 2558)

On October 21, the Senate 39-0, approved legislation that would support military families who relocate to the Bay State by providing career stability for the spouses of service members and education for their children.

Provisions include making it easier for military person-

nel and their spouses who move to the Bay State to get a Massachusetts professional license, if their job requires one, so that they can continue their civilian careers and provide for their families without interruption; requiring the Commissioner of Education to issue a military spouse a valid certificate for teaching if he or she holds a valid teaching license from another state; allowing children of military members to register and enroll in a school district at the same time it is open to the general population by waiving the proof of residency requirement until the student actually begins school; creating a purple-star campus designation for certain schools that are military-kid friendly and show a major commitment to students and families connected to the nation’s military; and requiring that a child or spouse of an active-duty service member in Massachusetts continue to pay the in-state less expensive tuition rate at state universities even if the service member is assigned to move out of the state.

“Our commonwealth has always led from the front in terms of taking care of our active-duty service members and veterans, but I strongly believe that there is more we can do for the spouses and children of service-members who also call Massachusetts their home,” said sponsor Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield) at the time the proposal was approved. “Anyone who has worn the uniform or has a family member who has worn the uniform knows that the sacrifice of military service goes far beyond the individual service member. By passing this legislation, we are saying to these families that we understand their challenges, that we recognize the great sacrifices that they have made and that we are committed to doing everything we can to support them.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

INCREASE MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS (S 2572)

On November 17, the Senate 39-0, approved a measure known as the Mental Health Addressing Barriers to Care (ABC) Act that will make mental health care more accessible in the Bay State.

“Today, the Massachusetts Senate took vital strides toward transforming mental health care in Massachusetts,” said sponsor Sen. Julian Cyr (D-Truro) at the time the bill was approved. “By unanimously passing [this bill], we affirm that mental health is just as essential as physical health and take a leap forward to ensure that all people in Massachusetts can access the mental health care they need and deserve.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

SEX EDUCATION (S 2541)

On September 23, the Senate 38-1, approved legislation that would require that all public schools offering a comprehensive sexual health education curriculum “provide medically accurate, age-appropriate sexual health education.”

Under current law, public schools are not required to teach sex education and the bill does not change that but rather mandates that any schools that choose to teach sex education are required to follow a curriculum, based on age, that includes human anatomy, reproduction and sexual development; the benefits of abstinence and de-

laying sexual activity; the importance of effectively using contraceptives to prevent unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV and AIDS; ways to effectively discuss safe sexual activity; relationship and communication skills to form healthy, respectful relationships free of violence, coercion and intimidation; and information about gender identity and sexual orientation for all students, including recognition that people have different sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions.

The measure also requires any school offering sex education to notify parents about the school’s sex education curriculum and gives parents the right to withdraw a student from the instruction. Another provision creates a process for parents to inspect the program instruction materials prior to the start of the course.

Supporters said that under the bill, local cities and towns still have the authority and power to decide whether sex education is taught in their schools. They said the measure will ensure that schools that choose to teach sex education will have a framework to follow. They noted the bill will prepare students to make healthy decisions and will reduce teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

“I am very proud that the Massachusetts Senate has once again reaffirmed our commitment to this common-sense healthy policy that will ensure our youth have the tools needed to protect their health and form respectful relationships,” said sponsor Sen. Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett) at the time the legislation was approved. “This legislation makes it clear that sex education in the commonwealth must be inclusive for all students and emphasize the importance and necessity of consent.

“This is a highly controversial bill, as demonstrated by the fact that it has failed to pass for multiple sessions,” said Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton) at the time the measure was approved. He was the only senator who voted against the bill. “If this legislation is to pass into law, it would be a direct usurpation of the local school district’s decision-making abilities. Each community has different needs based on their specific demographics, which is why they should have the ability to decide their curriculum. By mandating a statewide sex education curriculum, you directly take away the ability of a community to decide how sensitive topics like sex education are taught.”

“It is quite troubling that our elected officials think taking local control away from school districts and parents regarding sex ed curriculum is a good idea,” said Andrew Beckwith, executive director of the Massachusetts Family Institute. “And even worse is the type of graphic content they want to push on students in the curriculum they are sanctioning. In what reality does normalizing high risk sexual activity like anal and oral sex for teens or teaching young vulnerable girls how to obtain abortions without their parents’ knowledge or consent result in healthy youth?”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

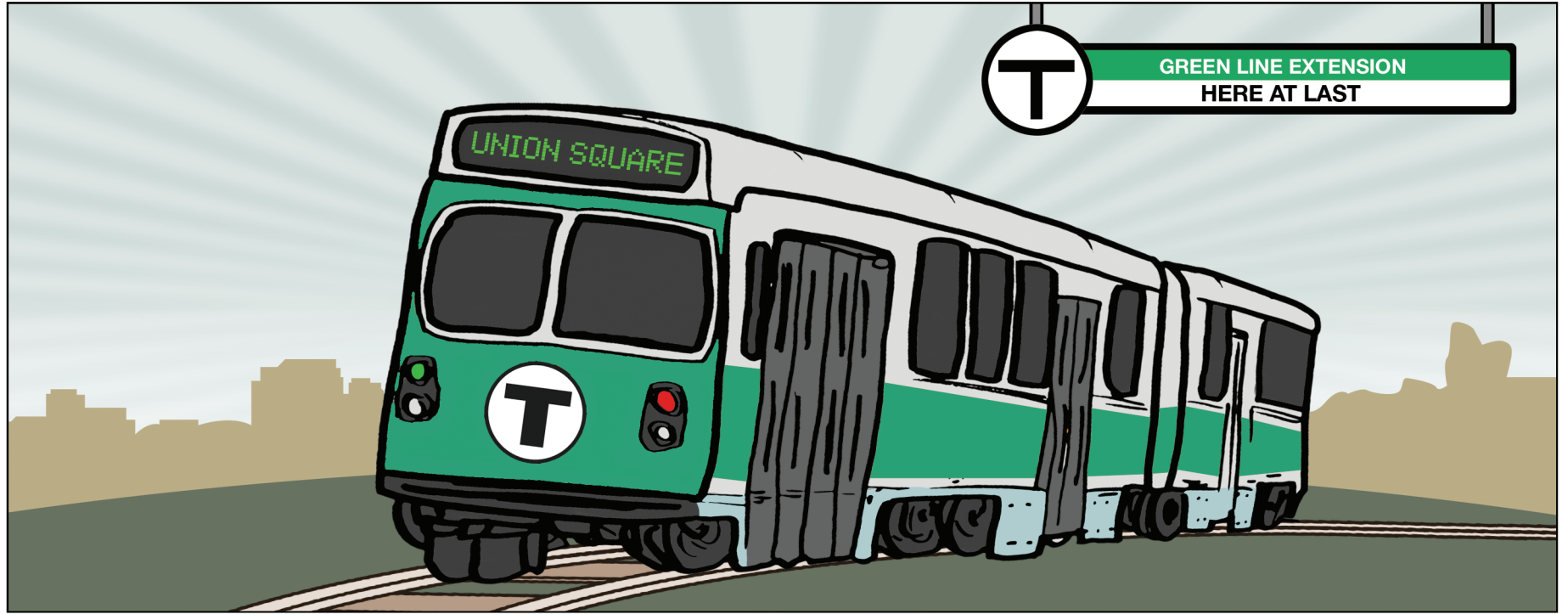
COVID TREATMENT - The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) reminds residents that free treatment options are available that can be used to prevent severe illness and

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COMMENTARY

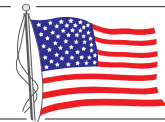
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Welcome to Somerville GLX!

Our View Of The Times



If there was ever a cause to celebrate in this city, this is it.

After so many years of wishing and hoping, fighting for funding then finally ponying up the fare, the mighty behemoth known as the Green Line Extension project will gingerly dip its toe into the waters of Somerville when the first maiden voyage takes place on March 21 in Union Square.

It's one small step – or dip – to be sure. The remaining stops along the way through Somerville and Medford will be rolling out their red – or should we say green – carpets throughout the remainder of the year, if the prognostications of the project's managers are truthful – and they actually know what they're talking about.

But the grand debut this month in

Union Square will nonetheless be a much-welcomed event. A payoff of sorts, since all of us have had a stake in it to the tune of paying our share in taxes and putting up with the inconveniences of its construction. We deserve a little hoopla and hoorah when the glorious green gremlin finally wend its way into town. They should christen the thing with a bottle of Aeronaut Hop Hop and Away.

All kidding aside, it's really nice seeing this thing finally coming to completion. Whether one is a supporter of the project or a detractor, it's still good to know we've just about taken it all the way down the line to its final destination.

We will be better off for it, in many different ways. It's been a long time coming, and it's high time we get on board and enjoy the ride, now that we can.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

very happy birthday. To all those that are also celebrating this week, we wish a happy birthday.

The **Somerville Arts Council** and **Nave Somerville** present **From the Inside Out Exhibition** at **Nave Gallery**, 155 Powder House Blvd. **through March 5**. Our world shrunk during COVID. Like others whose work or schooling moved to their living spaces, many artists turned their focus inward. Some, fearing possible contamination of shared studio spaces or public transportation, moved their creative practice into their homes as well. It was a time of reflection. Relationships between interior and exterior shifted. New perspectives affected artist's work and lifestyle. For more information visit <https://somervilleartscouncil.org>.

Join in this **Thursday, March 3**, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for a **virtual tour of Taza Chocolate** hosted by Taza Chocolate, the **Somerville Museum** and **Bittersweet exhibition curators José Falconi and Santiago Montoya**. This event is part of the museum's Bittersweet exhibition's **Chocolate Stories Salon** series. Free and open to all. RSVP [https://](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/275978468027)

www.eventbrite.com/e/275978468027.

Liam Mannion and **Bob McWatters** invite the public to **Sally O'Brien's**, 335 Somerville Ave., on **March 17** to celebrate **St Patrick's Day** and **Irish heritage**. Corned beef and cabbage are on the menu as well as pints of Guinness and Irish music. All are welcome to stop by Sally's for a festive time.

The **CHA Somerville Vaccine Center** is now accepting walk-ins, as supply allows. The center is open to all, five days a week and some Saturdays. You can get booster shots for ages 12+ and initial vaccines for ages 5+. The vaccines are free, regardless of immigration or health insurance status, and you don't need to show ID. Full hours and details are here: challiance.org/vaccine. You can still make an appointment at tinyurl.com/metronorthvaccine. If you're a **CHA patient** you can also make an appointment through **MyChart**: challiance.org/mychart. If you need assistance finding a COVID-19 vaccine or booster, you can call 3-1-1 (617-666-3311).

The **Democratic Ward Committees** of Wards 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 in Somerville will

hold **virtual caucuses** at the same time on **March 5** at noon to select delegates to the convention. The caucuses will use the same Zoom link, and everyone will split into their wards in Zoom breakout rooms. RSVP to receive the Zoom link and get updates on the caucus process: https://www.somdems.org/2022_dem_caucus_1_2_4_5_6 The **Massachusetts Democratic Party's State Convention** will be held on **Friday, June 3** and **Saturday, June 4**. Delegates will gather virtually and at the **DCU Center** in Worcester to endorse candidates for statewide office, including Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Attorney General and Auditor, ahead of the Democratic Primary this September.

Massachusetts has established a temporary program requiring employers **make paid leave time available for employees impacted by COVID or who have side effects from vaccination**. Learn more: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-temporary-emergency-paid-sick-leave-program>.

MassDOT will be holding a public hearing on **Wednesday, March 2**, at 6:00 p.m. regarding the **Superstructure**

Replacement of Maffa Way and Mystic Avenue over the Orange Line and MBTA/BMRR project. More information can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/event/bostonsomerville-superstructure-replacement-of-maffa-way-and-mystic-avenue-over-orange-line-and-mbtamrr-project-2022-03-02t180000-0500-2022-03-02t200000-0500>

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Division** invites you to take home a piece of Somerville history. Designed by local artists, this historic collection of **Somerville stickers and magnets** tell a unique story of Somerville's history. Purchases help support local organizations and small business, and display the Somerville pride. Visit the Somerville Historic Preservation Division website to find out more about their historic events, education, and preservation efforts: <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/historic-preservation>.

If your **child or teen** is struggling with **stress or anxiety**, you can help by reaching out, listening, understanding, offering support, and connecting the student with key staff at school. *Continued on page 9*

FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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|---|---|
| 1. What Somerville High School graduate played for the Indianapolis Colts and Tampa Bay Buccaneers? | Bell commercials? |
| 2. Who was the first the first Democratic mayor of Somerville? | 7. What instrument can be bass, electric or Spanish? |
| 3. In 1915, what stock company performed weekly in The Somerville Theatre? | 8. What did McDonald's introduce in 1968? |
| 4. How many schools are in the Somerville Public Schools system? | 9. In which musical do Tracy Lord and CK Dexter Haven appear? |
| 5. What is the USA's national spirit since 1964? | 10. Who directed the film A Chorus Line? |
| 6. What type of dog is featured in the Taco | 11. Betz cells are found in which part of the body? |
| | 12. What musician has the nickname "Slowhand"? |

Answers on page 10

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. Pogonophobia is the fear of beards.
2. Oreo has made enough cookies to span five back and forth trips to the moon.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD MARCH MADNESS

ACROSS

1. In ill humor
5. Like a ship?
8. Repeating word on South Pacific map
12. Man-eating fairy tail giant
13. Newspaper piece
14. Pertaining to the ear
15. Family group
16. Not the life of the party
17. Andean animal
18. Like Sunday, the day of announcements
20. Bodily disorders
21. 19th century Robber baron Jay
22. Architect's software, acr.
23. Articulates
26. Soak up
- c29. Cuban dance step
30. Auditory canal, e.g.
33. Needlefish, pl.
35. "Star Wars" creator
37. Swindle
38. March edition, e.g.
39. Rest or settle
40. Johnny Cash's "Get ____"
42. It never ends this way
43. Another word for acetylene
45. High or hilly land
47. Grazing spot
48. Copying machine
50. ____ code
52. Those remaining in last weekend (Two words)
56. Gives off
57. Afghanistan's western neighbor
58. Beginner
59. Send in payment
- c60. Halfway around links
61. Besides
62. Biz bigwig
63. D-____ schools only
64. Swedish shag rugs

DOWN

1. ____ Brown and "What's Up, ____?"
2. Gawk at
3. River in Orenburg, Russia
4. Weasel out
5. Go bad
6. Massacre of the Innocents king
7. "I Dream of Jeannie" star
8. Last year's runner-up from Washington
9. Like word of mouth
10. Those born under Aries
11. Chicken ____ king
13. Between 90 and 180 degrees
14. Spy's cover
19. Crocus bulbs, e.g.
22. Network
23. School with most titles
24. Car rack manufacturer
25. Like an implied agreement
26. Your mom's sister
27. Haile Selassie's disciple
- c28. Boston hockey player
31. Heart pain
32. Ken or Barbie, e.g.
34. Placement
36. First A in NCAA
38. Motivate
40. Biology class acronym
41. Benevolent
44. Leavening agent
46. Another word for golf club
48. Rice wine
49. Lacking sense
50. NYSE MKT, formerly
51. Frost design on a window
52. Porto____, Italy
53. Like acne-prone skin
54. Bear constellation
- c55. Fish eggs, pl.
56. Before, archaic

Solution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

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Solution to last week's crossword puzzle:

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Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

CROSSWORD

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OBITUARY

John Ragno



He taught his daughters to be strong and self-sufficient—as well as ardent New England Patriots fans. One of the very first Patriots’ season ticket holders, Mr. Ragno enjoyed cheering on the team whether in person or on television. Sundays were always game days for the family, also featuring backyard games of hockey and football.

Long-time Somerville resident, John Ragno, 82 passed away peacefully surrounded by family, in his Otis Street home on February 22, 2022 [after a prolonged illness]. Mr. Ragno is survived by his devoted wife of 60 years Louise, five adored daughters—Louise, Donna, Suzann, Rosalie, and Denise—and seven grandchildren who were the light of his life: Kerrie, Billy, Joshua, Jennifer, Frankie, Cody, and Justin.

Before retiring to spend more time with family, Mr. Ragno worked in the restaurant filter business. When at home, he enjoyed engaging in home improvement projects.

John Ragno will be remembered for his strong work ethic, and dedication to family.

Over fifty-five (55) years ago, John Ragno started a Christmas tradition, lighting up the family’s home from top to bottom and beyond with festive decorations. Featured as a premier attraction on the more recent Somerville Arts Council’s Annual Illumination Tours. Mr. Ragno’s love of the holiday eventually extended to three houses on Otis Street with displays including a light-up Nativity, Santas, candy canes, a train, gingerbread house, and his daughters’ favorite cartoon characters. The family will continue this tradition, in honor of Mr. Ragno.

Donations may be made in John Ragno’s name to the following charities: MitoAction or Autism Speaks.

SHS Hockey Team wins GBL championship



The Somerville High School Hockey Team has won the GBL championship for the third year in a row. The Highlanders beat Northeast 6 to 3 and trounced Everett in the finals 8 to 1.

Goals were scored by Aiden O’Donovan assisted by Matthew DeAngelis; Nicky Cicerone assisted by Alec Morgan; Brendan

Jones assisted by Dillon Marujo and Aiden O’Donovan; Chris Cassesso assisted by Nathan Doe and Sheamus Foley; Aiden O’Donovan; Matthew DeAngelis assisted by Aiden O’Donovan; Aiden O’Donovan assisted by Matthew Mariani and Brady Roche; and Nicky Cicerone.

The entire city salutes our

champions for a job well done. Congratulations are also in order for the coaching staff and family members for the sacrifices they make in mentoring these young men.

A job well done and the Somerville High School Hockey team has put Somerville on the map in the GBL as Title Town.

Somerville Prevention focus group opportunity

Somerville Prevention (@somervilleprevention) is hosting a focus group opportunity for Somerville adult/caregiver community members to give feedback about youth substance misuse prevention efforts via Zoom. The focus group is scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Participants will receive a \$25 Target gift card for participation in the one-hour discussion. For more information and to sign up, visit <https://bit.ly/3qBYfMW>.

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Learn more about the #SomervilleTogether campaign for youth mental health at <http://bit.ly/3s5uMfu>.

Looking for a way to practice social distancing but still remain connected to other people? Look no further than the Somerville Council on Aging’s Friendly Phone Caller program. They have many wonderful volunteers who are waiting to give you a call. Whether you are looking to make a new friend or would just like a friendly chat to look forward to every week, this program has you covered. Call Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 to learn more about the program and to sign up.

Rent a space at the Arts at the Armory’s unique spaces. Are you looking for a unique and memorable venue for an event? Their historic and spacious Performance Hall, intimate and charming Café, and comfortable and functional B5 meeting/classroom/rehearsal space are all available to rent. For more information, please contact events@artsthearmory.org.

An outdoor, in person sing at the Somerville Community Growing Center will take place on March 15, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. They will have a propane fire pit and marshmallows to toast. Other snacks are welcome. <https://www.facebook.com/somervillecommunitygrowingcenter>.

Prepare for the 2021/2022 snow season by reviewing parking rules and signing up for alerts. Because this winter begins in an odd-numbered year, snow emergency parking will be on the odd side of the street all winter, unless posted signage says differently. Check streets signs in your neighborhood so you know where you can park ahead of winter weather. You can also learn more about the city’s snow policies at somer villema.gov/snow.

Somerville’s Winter Farmers Market takes place Saturdays, 9:30 – 1:30 p.m., through April 16, at Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. Offering the best locally grown and produced

agricultural items and more. They offer a diverse range of local and New England produce, as well as cheese, eggs, meats, fish, breads, pastries, chocolate, and wine. They feature rotating guest vendors each week, as well as live entertainment and activities. Check out the schedule and map at www.somwintermarket.org. They accept SNAP/EBT & HIP, CREDIT and DEBIT cards. \$15 SNAP match for EBT customers.

After a long three-year hiatus, the Somerville Homeless Coalition is very excited to announce that its Spring into Action event is returning the evening of Thursday, March 24. This year they are bringing the fun and energy to the Somerville Theatre’s newly refurbished Crystal Ballroom. Join them for an evening of cocktails, live jazz, passed apps, local bites and live music. All proceeds from this event will benefit Somerville Homeless Coalition clients facing homelessness, eviction and food insecurity. They look forward to sharing news about their work in the community and how you help them

to continue advancing their mission of finding everyone a home. Single ticket price: \$125. Discounts are available for bulk ticket orders. For more information, visit their event page <https://igfn.us/e/TRWwTw>.

If you are unable to access a COVID-19 vaccine due to transportation challenges, but otherwise are able to leave your home, please call 3-1-1 to get connected to transportation assistance.

The Somerville Council on Aging hosts Bingo, Tuesdays at Ralph & Jenny Center and Thursdays at Holland Street starting at 10:00 a.m. Grab and Go lunch available following Bingo. RSVP to Debby Higgins by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby@DHiggins@Somervillema.gov.

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LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold a public meeting and public hearings on **Tuesday, March 15, 2022** at 6:45pm on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 – 7-28.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to historic@somervillema.gov.

TO USE A COMPUTER

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Access Code: 564-994-559

ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT

Alterations to Local Historic District (LHD) Properties

HPC.ALT 2022.03 – 15 Campbell Park

Applicant: Mike Tokatlyan

Owner: Victor Del Porto

The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by replacing the existing driveway material with brick pavers.

HPC.ALT 2022.09 – 17-19 Aldersey Street

Applicant: Paul Morgan

Owner: ZD Aldersey, LLC (Paul Morgan & Carrie Endries)

The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by altering the masonry of the front façade, replacing the garage doors, and adding a roof deck to an existing detached garage.

HPC.ALT 2022.11 – 145 Central Street

Applicant: Josh Safdie

Owner: Same as applicant

The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by installing two new windows on the left elevation.

HPC.ALT 2022.14 – 74 Mount Vernon Street

Applicant: Eddie & Melody Giron

Owner: Eddie Giron

The Applicant seeks to alter an LHD property by replacing extant windows with vinyl windows and to unify the style of window trim throughout the building.

Determinations of Historic Significance (STEP 1 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)

HPC.DMO 2022.04 – 9 Taylor Street

Applicant: 9 Taylor Street, LLC

Owner: Same as Applicant

The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.05 – 15 Taylor Street

Applicant: Taylor Mystic, LLC

Owner: Same as Applicant

The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

Determinations of Preferably Preserved (STEP 2 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)

HPC.DMO 2021.29 – 722 Broadway

Applicant: Di Camillo Associates, LLC

Owner: Same as Applicant

The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.01 – 51 Broadway

Applicant: Ben Rogan

Owner: CDA Realty, LLC

The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.02 – 53 Broadway

Applicant: Ben Rogan

Owner: CDA Realty, LLC

The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.03 – 11 Benedict Avenue

Applicant: Ben Rogan

Owner: Christopher & Loren Galvin

The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

While City Hall continues to be closed in response to the COVID19 pandemic, case documents reviewed by the HPC are available on the City website at

<https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/historic-preservation/hpc-cases>. Cases may be continued to a later date; please check the agenda (posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting) on the City website or email historic@somervillema.gov to inquire if specific cases will be heard. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. **Note:** Written comments due to historic@somervillema.gov NO LATER THAN NOON one week prior to the meeting date. Email historic@somervillema.gov with inquiries.

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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(781) 865- 4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 22P0891EA

Estate of:
Hazel C Stamps

Date of Death: 12/19/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:

Alexis Stamps of **Canal Winchester OH**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Alexis Stamps of **Canal Winchester OH**

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:

10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/28/2022

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, Hon. Maureen H Monks, First Justice of this Court.

Tara E. De Cristofaro
Register of Probate

Date: February 28, 2022

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
KATJANA BALLANTYNE
MAYOR**

**GEORGE J. PROAKIS, AICP
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40C, the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) shall hold a public hearing on **MONDAY, March 28, 2022** at 6:45 p.m. regarding the proposal to create the First Universalist Church Local Historic District (LHD) at 125 Highland Avenue.

The purpose of this hearing is to allow for public comment regarding the creation of this district. Written comments should be submitted to historic@somervillema.gov prior to the hearing date.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this public hearing of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to historic@somervillema.gov.

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**NOTICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING
REGARDING MARIJUANA RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT
RESTORATIVE CANNABIS, LLC**

Notice is hereby given that Restorative Cannabis, LLC will conduct a Community Outreach Meeting on the following matter on **March 16th, 2022**, in 499 Broadway (formerly Dark Horse) Somerville, Massachusetts 02145 at 7:00PM. Chairs and water will be provided.

Restorative Cannabis, LLC intends to apply for a Marijuana Retail and Adult-use license at 499 Broadway, Somerville Ma, 02145 pursuant to MGL Ch. 94G and Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017, other applicable laws and regulations promulgated thereunder, including those promulgated thereunder by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission.

Information presented at the community outreach hearing will include, but not be limited to:

1. The type of Adult-use Marijuana Establishment to be located at the proposed address;
2. Information adequate to demonstrate that the Adult-use Marijuana Establishment location will be maintained securely;
3. Steps to be taken by the Adult-use Marijuana Establishment to prevent diversion to minors;
4. A plan by the Marijuana Establishment to positively impact the community; and
5. Information adequate to demonstrate that the location will not constitute a nuisance to the community by noise, odor, dust, glare, fumes, vibration, heat, glare, or other conditions likely to cause a nuisance.

Community members will be permitted and encouraged to ask questions and receive answers from Restorative Cannabis, LLC representatives.

A copy of this Notice is/ will be on file with the City Clerk, Licensing Commission, Special Permit Granting Authority, Marijuana Advisory Council, and City Council, all located at City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, Ma 02143. In addition, a copy of this Notice will be mailed at least fourteen calendar days prior to the community outreach meeting to abutters of the proposed address of the Marijuana Establishment, owners of land directly opposite on any public or private street or way, and abutters to the abutters within three hundred feet of the property line of the petitioner as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, notwithstanding that the land of any such owner is located in another city or town.

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**NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION
VACANT PROPERTY
10 POPLAR STREET
SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
RTN 3-32211**

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at the above location, which includes a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000 (MCP). On February 8, 2022, the City of Somerville, recorded with the South Middlesex Registry of Deeds, a Notice of Activity and Use Limitation on the disposal site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1070 through 40.1080.

The Notice of Activity and Use Limitation will limit the following site activities and uses on a portion of the above property:

- Residential uses including single and multifamily residences, daycare, school, and any institutional facilities, and
- Relocation of impacted soils from the AUL area unless approved by an LSP.

Any person interested in obtaining additional information about the Notice of Activity and Use Limitation may contact Michael Gitten, Atlas Technical Consultants, 10 State Street, Suite 100, Woburn, MA 01801, 781-404-1439.

The Notice of Activity and Use Limitation and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-0032211 at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal#!/search/wastesite> or at MassDEP Northeast Region, 205 Lowell St., Wilmington, MA 01887; 978-694-3200.

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
IFB #22-38**

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement and Contracting Services Department, invites sealed bids for:

2022 CCTV Investigations

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at www.bidexpress.com, <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement>, or PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **03/02/2022**. Sealed bids will be received at above office until: **03/24/2022 1:00PM EST**. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Andrea Caruth at acaruth@somervillema.gov for more information.

Andrea Caruth
Deputy Chief Procurement Officer
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hospitalization from COVID-19. Several treatments, including monoclonal antibody infusions and oral therapeutics, are widely available across the state. Treatment is available for people who are at increased risk of severe disease, test positive for COVID-19 and have any symptoms, even mild ones such as a runny nose or cough. Residents who think they may be eligible and have questions on if treatment is right for them should contact their medical provider or call the Gothams COVID-19 Self-Referral Treatment Line at (508) 213-1380. The line is a free resource that can help refer individuals to sites for monoclonal antibody treatments.

“These therapeutics, including COVID pills and infusions, are potentially lifesaving but for eligible individuals, they need to be administered quickly to be effective,” said Massachusetts Public Health Commissioner Margaret Cooke. “They can help keep you from getting very sick and out of the hospital. If you test positive for COVID-19 and have any kind of risk factor such as diabetes or high blood pressure or asthma—we encourage you to call your provider or the Gothams phone number immediately to see if the treatment could be right for you. Do not wait to see if your symptoms worsen.”

\$75 MILLION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY COVID-19 – The Baker administration announced the launch of a \$75 million program, funded by money from the \$4 billion American Rescue Plan, to provide grants to businesses impacted by COVID-19. The program provides \$50 million toward businesses that employ between two and 50 people and which reach underserved markets and businesses owned by minorities, women, veterans, the disabled and people who identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community.

The other \$25 million would go to small businesses that did not qualify for an earlier \$700 million program under which some 15,000 businesses received grants. Under both categories, grants will range from \$10,000 to \$75,000, and funding can be used for employee and benefit costs, mortgage interest, rent, utilities and interest on debt.

“We have been proud to support small businesses in every corner of the commonwealth through the small business program during the pandemic, but we know that some challenges remain for many businesses,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “With the launch of this new effort, we can build on ... successful work and direct important federal funding to those businesses with the greatest need quickly and effectively.”

“The challenges faced by Massachusetts’ small businesses during COVID have been enormous, but in my district and across the state, I have seen so many entrepreneurs and innovators respond with incredible perseverance and grace,” said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland). “Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and they deserve our support.” More information is at www.empoweringSmallBusiness.org

PRIVACY OF AUDIO OF 911 CALLS (H 1513) – The House gave initial approval to legislation that would prohibit the release of the audio version of 911 calls to the public or media except when authorized by the caller; requested by law enforcement agencies for investigative purposes; or when a court order finds that the right of the public to the release of the recording outweighs the privacy interests of the individual who made the call. The measure does allow the release of a written transcript of the audio at any time.

“I am pleased that this proposal is moving forward. 911 calls are often among the most traumatic moments of an individual’s life and recordings of those calls shouldn’t be fodder for sensationalist journalism,” said sponsor

Rep. Michael Day (D-Stoneham), House chair of the Committee on the Judiciary. “This bill would create a presumption of privacy of those recordings while still providing a public transcript of the calls and a process for releasing the recordings when the public interest outweighs individual privacy concerns.”

JFK HOLIDAY (H 1030) – The State Administration and Regulatory Oversight Committee has recommended passage of a bill that would establish an official holiday in Massachusetts to commemorate the life of President John F. Kennedy and promote civic engagement and voter participation. The holiday would be officially observed annually on Election Day—the last Sunday in November in all odd-numbered years and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in all even-numbered years.

The bill would also create an 11-member commission on the celebration of JFK Day to recommend activities that promote civic engagement and voter participation including establishing an inclusive education curriculum, hosting special events, marketing, voter engagement activities and voter registration.

“I am proud to have filed this bill to honor the life and legacy of President John F. Kennedy and to encourage civic engagement in our commonwealth and voter participation in our elections,” said Sen. Paul Feeney (D-Foxborough). “As the first constituents served by John F. Kennedy on his path to the White House, we have the opportunity to rightfully honor a native son that rose to be one of the greatest presidents in our nation’s history.”

“NON-EMERGENCY” VS. “NON-ESSENTIAL” STATE WORKERS – “Due to the upcoming winter storm, the Baker administration has directed all non-emergency state employees working in Executive Branch agencies to telework [work from home] when possible, on Friday, February 25,” read the press release on the governor’s website.

Up until a few years ago, governors often used the term “non-essential” employees instead of “non-emergency.” Those governors were often criticized and asked why “non-essential” employees were hired in the first place. Somewhere along the line, someone figured it out and ever since that time governors have used term “non-emergency.”

DIGITAL ASSETS OF THE DECEASED (S 973) – Establishes regulations over what happens to a decedent’s digital assets including social media, e-mail and online accounts.

“I filed this bill because people deserve to have control over who can access their online personal information,” said sponsor Sen. Cindy Creem (D-Newton). “That’s true both during life and after death. Right now, however, there’s no framework that enables Massachusetts residents to know what will happen to their digital data when they die, and there’s no guarantee that a family can obtain important information following an unexpected death. I’m disappointed the bill was sent to study, but I’ll keep working to bring clarity to this uncertain area of the law.”

ENCOURAGING SUICIDE (S 1032) – Imposes up to a 5-year prison sentence on a person who encourages another person to commit suicide.

The bill, called “Conrad’s Law,” is named after then-18-year-old Conrad Roy III who, in 2014, killed himself after being pressured by then-17-year-old Michelle Carter via a phone call following thousands of texts. Carter was convicted of manslaughter and served 12 months of a 15-month prison sentence.

Other actions that will result in a prison sentence include intentionally coercing or encouraging the person to commit or attempt to commit suicide; intentionally providing the physical means, or knowledge of such means, to the other person for the purpose of enabling that other person to commit or attempt to commit suicide and, as a result, the other person commits or attempts to commit suicide; participating in a physical act which causes, aids, encourages or assists the other person in committing or attempting to commit suicide.

“Right now, Massachusetts is one of only eight states without a law criminalizing coerced suicide,” said sponsor Sen. Barry Finegold (D-Andover). “That needs to change. Cyberbullying and teen suicide rates have spiked dramatically in the past decade, and the pandemic has made it all the more important to focus on youth suicide prevention. Medical experts are deeply concerned about the pandemic’s long-term effects on the mental health of young people.”

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION? *Beacon Hill Roll Call* tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature’s job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of February 21-25, the House met for a total of 31 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 30 minutes.

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| Mon. Feb. 21 | No House session No Senate session |
| Tues. Feb. 22 | House 11:00 a.m. to 11:13 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:22 a.m. |
| Wed. Feb. 23 | No House session No Senate session |
| Thurs. Feb. 24 | House 11:01 a.m. to 11:19 a.m. Senate 11:11 a.m. to 11:24 a.m. |
| Fri. Feb. 25 | No House session No Senate session |

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bingo – Tuesdays at Ralph & Jenny Center starting at 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays at Holland Street starting at 10:00 a.m. Grab and Go lunch available following Bingo. RSVP to Debby Higgins by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at DHiggins@Somervillema.gov.

Project Outlook, Low Vision Group returns – 2nd Tuesday of each month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. Project Outlook is a group of residents with low or no vision who enjoy getting together for camaraderie and socialization. Project Outlook has been active for over 30 years. Come join in the conversation, we look forward to meeting you. For more information please contact Claudia at 857-237-1801.

Game Club – Mondays from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn.) Please join us as we play a wide variety of board and card games. Please RSVP to Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 or email Maureen at mbastardi@somervillema.gov.

General Nutrition Classes – In-person, Mondays at 12:30 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Virtual classes are offered Monday at 11am via Zoom. New and returning members are welcome! Call Mary Marshall at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email her at headtofitness10@yahoo.com. Masks are required.

Walking Group – Fridays at 9:30 a.m. The walking group will meet in front of the Holland Street Center and will enjoy walks through area neighborhoods. All classes and groups will be limited in participation and are weather permitting. Pre-registration is required. For additional information or to register for the program, contact Chris Kowaleski by email at ckowaleski@somervillema.gov or by phone at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

Fit-4-Life Exercise Classes – Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m and 11:00 a.m.—In-person, indoor at the Holland Street Center. Each class will focus on strength, balance and flexibility. Pre-registration is required as classes will be limited; masks are required. Please contact Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email ckowaleski@somervillema.gov with any questions or for additional information.

English Conversation – Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – At the Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. Meet people from all over the world as we discuss a range of topics. No books – no test – just friendly conversation. This program is in person; pre-registration is required as space is limited. Please contact Maureen Bastardi at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 to RSVP.

Men's Group – Second Tuesday of the month from 10:30 to 11:30. Our popular men's group is held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Holland St. Center. New and returning members are welcome. Please RSVP to Norbert DeAmato at ndeamato@hotmail.com.

Bowling is Back – Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Flatbreads Company / Sacco Bowl Haven in Davis Square. For more information or to sign up please contact Debby at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Deb at DHiggins@Somervillema.gov. Face coverings are required.

Line Dancing with Julie Kaufmann – Monday, March 7 at 1:00 p.m. and continues every Monday until April 11, 2022 at our Holland Street Center. No experience needed. For more information or to RSVP please call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at DHiggins@Somervillema.gov

Rising Step Irish Step Dance Performance – Wednesday, March 16, at 1:00 p.m. at the Holland St. Center. Rising Step is a collaborative Irish Step Dance performance company based in Boston. Join us in celebrating the joy and art of the Irish dance! RSVP to Debby by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at DHiggins@Somervillema.gov

Charlie Card Registration Event – Wednesday, March 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. Have you been meaning to obtain a Senior Charlie Card but haven't found the time to apply for one in person? Skip the trip to Boston and come to the Somerville Council on Aging instead! We will be hosting a Senior Charlie Card Registration event. The event is open to participants, age 65 or older, who are applying for a new card only. Please bring an ID when attending the event; your picture will also be taken for your Charlie Card. Senior Charlie Cards should arrive by mail within 4-6 weeks.

Somerville's Poet Laureate, Lloyd Schwartz

– Wednesday, April 26, 1:00 p.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn.) The program will begin with a reading of "the Two Horses" a poem Schwartz wrote about his mother and the memories which she shared with him about her childhood. Following, Schwartz will guide you through writing about your own memory. To join us please RSVP to Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov Grab & Go Lunch will be available after the program. This event is made possible by the Academy of American Poets with funds from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Friendly Caller Program - Looking for a way to practice social distancing but still remain connected to other people? Look no further than the Somerville Council on Aging's Friendly Phone Caller program. We have many wonderful volunteers who are waiting to give you a call. Whether you are looking to make a new friend or would just like a friendly chat to look forward to every week, this program has you covered. Call Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317.

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1973 – Federal forces surround Wounded Knee, South Dakota, which is occupied by members of the militant American Indian Movement.

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OFF THE SHELF

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A Somerville writer writes about Cambridge Cats: 'A Cat on the Case' by Clea Simon

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A TRIBUTE TO MY MOTHER

Sarah Snyder Knapp 9/26/1919-3/23/2002

WATER

WATER was a theme for today
The idea of renewal when loss is forever
Reality tells me she's more than away
I speak of my mother

This poem deserves a serious cast
Although she was not lacking in humor
I think of her laughing right up to the last
almost, when she called me "best daughter"

"Goodbye," she hurriedly assured me
She meant, as with my brother, in jest
A closing remark she made repeatedly
Upon taking departure from him

There are just one daughter and one son
And she called him "best son" (he was too good)
While I, the head-strong, less obedient one
Never got that same farewell or greeting

Until the last time I left her
Going out her door, I looked back
When I heard what was almost a whisper
"Goodbye best daughter"

I started, did I hear this right?
That private joke for my brother?
Yes, there it was, as always, the same loving light
shining out from her eyes for me

"Goodbye best daughter"

TEARS, but reality will not rearrange
They do not renew, but the feeling
of sorrow that one can never change
that which is now forever

Goodbye Best Mother.

– Karen VanKnapp

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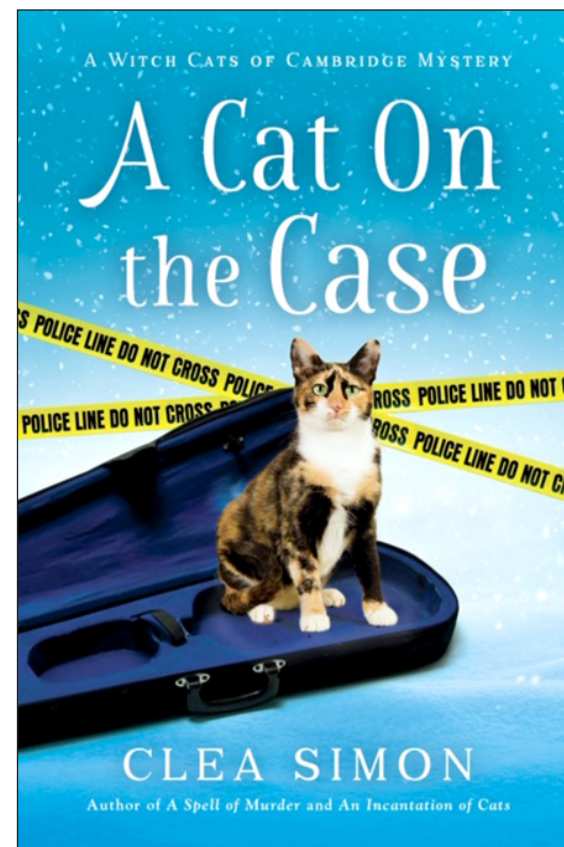
I lost my beloved cat Ketz this summer. I can attest to the mystery and magic that cats possess. So it came to my attention that Somerville novelist and critic Clea Simon has come out with yet another in her *Cambridge Witch Cats* series. It is titled *A Cat on the Case*, which concerns a young woman and her band of unique cats, as they try to solve a mystery in the Republic of Cambridge. I am hoping we see a Somerville cat series sometime soon!

Doug Holder: You have written a lot of cat mysteries. The cats in your latest mystery are part of your *Cambridge Witch Cats* series. Do you anticipate a Somerville cat series? How would a Somerville cat differ from a Cambridge one?

Clea Simon: I conceived of the *Witch Cats of Cambridge* series while I still lived in Cambridge, so I'm afraid I don't see moving it. (*A Cat on the Case* is the third *Witch Cats of Cambridge* mystery.) Though if I do start a new series at some point, I'll definitely set it in Somerville! Hmmm ... a Somerville cat? Maybe younger and hipper – an idiosyncratic tortoise shell who goes her own way. Kind of like my current feline companion, Thisbe, maybe.

DH: In your book, a band of cats are in the employ of an aspiring witch detective. She is investigating the disappearance of a panicked stranger who handed her a violin and then split. The cats use their paranormal and magical powers to solve the mystery. Cats and witches are closely aligned in literature, but is it a unique take for witch detectives and cats?

CS: I wish I could give you a definitive answer, Doug. I'm not aware of any other amateur sleuths who use their paranormal powers to solve crimes – which is how I'd define "witch detective" in crime fiction parlance, but there may be. I am certainly playing with all the literary and mythological tropes about women, magic, and cats – a topic I got to have great fun within my nonfiction book, *The Feline Mystique: On the Mysterious Connection Between Women and Cats*. What I love best about Becca, the human protagonist of *A Cat on the Case*, is that she thinks



she's the one taking care of the cats, as opposed to the other way around. And that is just based on fact, of course.

DH: The shop where the panicked stranger hands the violin to the protagonist – is that modeled after one shop in particular?

CS: No, I picked details from various shops, including Ritual Arts in Allston. But I added everything I'd want to see in a New Age botanica.

DH: This book also explores the challenges a young woman has trying to cope in an ever-changing New England city. Explain.

CS: *A Cat on the Case* is light-hearted, fun mystery – what we call a "cozy" in crime fiction – but I believe in making my characters realistic. I can certainly remember what it was like to be young and single and trying to make a living in a changing/gentrifying city, and I think readers will identify with Becca and her struggles – and be grateful that she has three loyal cats to help her!

'KSx20: Persistence of Light' at Nave Gallery

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to mark its eighteenth year of showing artwork and maintaining its commitment to the local community. Scheduled free upcoming programs include:

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April 14: Online discussion with Dr. Susan Bar-

ahal, Director of Art Education at Tufts SMFA.

April 28: Artist/Curator Talk with Karl Stephan and Kylie Terra Burnham

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